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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CERTAIN  
URANIUM EMPLOYEES

**§ 30.225 What are the criteria for eligibility for benefits for certain uranium employees?**

In order to be eligible for benefits under this section, the claimant must establish the criteria set forth in either paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of this section:

(a) The Attorney General has determined that the claimant is a covered uranium employee who is entitled to payment of \$100,000 as compensation due under section 5 of the RECA for a claim made under that statute (there is, however, no requirement that the claimant or surviving eligible beneficiary has actually received payment pursuant to the RECA). If a deceased employee's survivor has been determined to be entitled to such an award, his or her survivor(s), if any, will only be entitled to EEOICPA compensation in accordance with section 7384u(e) of the Act.

(b) The covered uranium employee has been diagnosed with an illness or disease that arose as a consequence of the medical condition for which he or she was determined to be entitled to payment of \$100,000 as compensation due under section 5 of the RECA.

**§ 30.226 How does a claimant establish that a covered uranium employee has sustained a consequential injury, illness or disease?**

An injury, illness, impairment or disability sustained as a consequence of a medical condition covered by the provisions of § 30.225(a) must be established with a fully rationalized medical report by a physician that shows the relationship between the injury, illness, impairment or disability and the accepted medical condition. Neither the fact that the injury, illness, impairment or disability manifests itself after a diagnosis of a medical condition

covered by the provisions of § 30.225(a), nor the belief of the claimant that the injury, illness, impairment or disability was caused by such a condition, is sufficient in itself to prove a causal relationship.

**Subpart D—Adjudicatory Process**

**§ 30.300 What process will OWCP use to decide claims and to provide for administrative review of those decisions?**

OWCP district offices will issue recommended decisions with respect to claims. All recommended decisions, including those granting and denying benefits under the Act, will be forwarded to the Final Adjudication Branch (FAB). Claimants will be given an opportunity to object to all or part of the recommended decision before the FAB. The FAB will consider any objections filed by a claimant and conduct a hearing, if requested to do so by the claimant, before issuing a final decision on the claim.

RECOMMENDED DECISIONS ON CLAIMS

**§ 30.305 How does OWCP determine entitlement to EEOICPA compensation?**

(a) In reaching a recommended decision with respect to EEOICPA compensation, OWCP considers the claim presented by the claimant, the factual and medical evidence of record, the dose reconstruction report calculated by HHS (if any), any report submitted by DOE and the results of such investigation as OWCP may deem necessary.

(b) The OWCP claims staff applies the law, the regulations and its procedures to the facts as reported or obtained upon investigation.

**§ 30.306 What does the recommended decision contain?**

The recommended decision shall contain findings of fact and conclusions of law. The recommended decision may accept or reject the claim in its entirety, or it may accept or reject a portion of the claim presented. It is accompanied by a notice of the claimant's right to file objections with, and request a hearing before, the FAB.